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1. According to the KC ZZ, the various trade unions in Poland have a combined membership of 2,588,896. Of this total, 444,910 are women and 124,106 are youths. A partial breakdown of these membership totals follows:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Total ZZ Membership</u>	<u>Members, Women</u>	<u>Members, Youths</u>
Railroad Workers	361,745	?	?
Metal Workers	276,029	44,245	29,979
Miners	246,267	?	18,898
Textile Workers	?	97,760	32,320
Teachers	?	39,000	

2. The KC ZZ, during its meetings of 19-21 Nov 47, resolved to:
- (a) help increase industrial production by encouraging competitive work,
 - (b) permit no payroll deductions except for party dues,
 - (c) enforce free education for workers,
 - (d) take offensive action against speculators and black marketers,
 - (e) increase the importation of essential items such as shoes,
 - (f) transfer to ZZ all property owned by unions previous to World War II and all assets of the German Labor Front.
3. The trade unions have supplemented their domestic functions by considerable activity in the international field. In Oct 47, KC ZZ Chairman Witaszewski transferred the following funds to PFR Secretary General Gomulka for Communist use in Spain and Greece:

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3,500
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200
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KG ZZ
OK ZZ (Including OK ZZ Katowice)
?
?
ZZ G (Mining Unions)
ZZ Met (Metal Workers)
ZZ Wlok (Textile Workers)
ZZ Spoz (Food)
ZZ Samoz (Automobile Workers)
?
ZZ Rob. Rol. (Agricultural Workers)

4. The PIR regards the Workers Councils as the "ears and eyes of the workers class," and uses trickery if necessary to give PIR victory in council elections. In Sep 47, for example, the regime ordered ZZ to forget party differences and to elect councilors because they possessed the confidence of their co-workers, not because they belonged to one political party or another. At the same time, however, the PIR secretly instructed its members to vote only for PIR candidates. Factory managers and foremen were also told to solicit PIR votes among non-partisan workers.

5. Following are the results of Workers Council elections at various industrial establishments:

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Councilors and Deputies Elected</u>		
	<u>PIR</u>	<u>PS</u>	<u>Non-Partisan</u>
Zabrska Fabryka Maszyn	13 (6 uni-fronters)	5	
Jadwiga Coal Mine	42	18	
Wujak Coal Mine	39 (7 uni-fronters)	21	
Walpo Zaklady Urzadsen Gornioszych	12 (3 uni-fronters)	6	
Zjednoczenie Biur Projektowo-Montazowych	10	8	
Polska Coal Mine	31	23	
GAPW	12	12	
Rudzkie Zjednoczenie Woglowne	22 (5 uni-fronters)	10	
Centralne Warsztaty Mechaniczno-Kotlarskie	12	6	
Slask Coal Mine	7	7	7
Sosnica Coal Mine	100	100	100

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